

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

CPG #NM-656

Application of Shelburne Farms for an Amended)
Certificate of Public Good for an interconnected)
group net-metered photovoltaic electrical power)
system)

Order entered: 10/17/2011

I. INTRODUCTION

This case involves an application filed by Shelburne Farms ("Applicant"), on September 12, 2011, requesting an Amended Certificate of Public Good ("CPG"), pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") Rule 5.100, for a net metering system. On June 1, 2009, the Board issued a CPG to the Applicant for a roof-mounted photovoltaic array with a system-rated capacity of 14.36 kW AC. On March 12, 2010, the Board issued an Amended CPG to the Applicant to reflect an increase in system-rated capacity to 19.15 kW AC. On September 22, 2010, the Board issued a second Amended CPG to the Applicant to reflect the addition of a pole-mounted photovoltaic array with a system-rated power output of 3.99 kW AC, bringing the total system capacity to 23.14 kW AC, and to reflect the formation of a group net-metered system that includes two electric meters. The Applicant is now seeking a third amendment to the CPG to reflect the addition of a second roof-mounted system with a system-rated capacity of 19.954 kW AC. The Applicant's total system-rated capacity will increase from 23.14 kW AC to 43.094 kW AC.

Notice of the application has been sent to all parties as specified in the Board's Rule 5.100. The notice stated that any party wishing to submit comments or request a hearing in this matter needed to file comments with the Board within thirty (30) working days of the date that the notice of the application was sent.

No comments have been received from any other parties or interested persons.

The Board has reviewed the application and accompanying documents and agrees that, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and the Board's Rule 5.100, a CPG should be issued without further investigation or hearing.

II. FINDINGS

Based upon the application and its accompanying documents, the Board makes the following findings in this matter.

1. The proposed net metering project will be on property owned by the Applicant and located at 1611 Harbor Road in Shelburne, Vermont. Application at Section 1.
2. The proposed net metering facility will include two roof-mounted systems and one pole-mounted system. Application at Section 4.
3. The proposed project consists of a photovoltaic electrical generation system with a system-rated output of 43.094 kW AC, comprising the previously approved 19.15 kW AC roof-mounted system, 3.99 kW AC pole-mounted system, and newly proposed 19.954 kW AC roof-mounted system. The facility is interconnected with the Green Mountain Power Corporation electrical distribution system. Application at Section 4 and attachments.
4. The ground-mounted array is located approximately 50 feet from another existing net-metered photovoltaic array owned and operated by GMP. The array shares interconnection facilities with the existing GMP system. Application of 7/14/10 at Sections 7 and 8 and attachments; CPG NM-928.
5. Applicant has specified the meters to be included in the group system by account number and location. Applicant has also provided a method for adding or removing meters included in the group system. Application of 7/14/10 at Section 7 and attachments.
6. Applicant has designated Alec Webb, president of Shelburne Farms, as the person responsible for receiving all communications regarding the group system. Application of 7/14/10 at Section 7 and attachments.
7. All disputes among users of the group system shall be resolved by the Applicant. Application of 7/14/10 at Section 7 and attachments.

8. Applicant has certified that the project is in compliance with all of the provisions of Sections 3 and 8 of the application. Based on these submissions, we conclude that the project does not raise a significant issue with respect to the environmental criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248. Application at Sections 3 and 8.

9. Applicant has certified compliance with the insurance requirements as set forth in Section 3 of the application. Application at Section 3.

III. CONCLUSION

In Docket No. 6181,¹ the Board developed a net metering program in accordance with the statutory requirements of 30 V.S.A. § 219a. This program was further refined by the Board with the adoption of Board Rule 5.100 on March 1, 2001. The goals of the Order and Rule are to encourage private investment in renewable energy resources, stimulate the economic growth of the state and enhance the continued diversification of energy sources used in Vermont. The standards and requirements adopted in the Order and Rule have been determined by the Board to protect public safety and system reliability.

Based upon the findings and evidence, the proposed net metering project will be in compliance with the requirements of the Board's Order in Docket No. 6181 and Rule 5.100, the application does not raise a significant issue with respect to the substantive criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248, and the proposed project, as amended and proposed, will promote the general good of the state.

IV. ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that the proposed photovoltaic group net metering system, as amended and in accordance with the evidence and plans submitted in this proceeding, will promote the general good of the State of Vermont pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 219a, and an Amended Certificate of Public Good to that effect shall be issued in this matter, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248.

1. *Investigation into the Use of A Net Metering System for the Purchase and Sale of Electricity from Small Electrical Generating Systems to and from Electric Companies*, Docket No. 6181, April 21, 1999.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 17th day of October, 2011.

<u>s/ James Volz</u>)	
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<u>s/ David C. Coen</u>)	BOARD
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<u>s/ John D. Burke</u>)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: October 17, 2011

Attest: s/ Judith C. Whitney
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.